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## GEORGIA DOT BEGINS MOWING ACTIVITIES ON TEN HIGHWAYS IN NORTHWEST GEORGIA

**WHAT** Georgia DOT's maintenance crews are set to work this week on mowing the roadsides of State Route (SR) 166 and SR 100 in Carroll County, SR 58 in Dade County, SR 156 and SR 136 Connector in Gordon County, SR 53 & 53 Business and SR 515 in Pickens County, and SR 100 and SR 6 in Polk County. Work will proceed daily between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., weather permitting.

The Georgia DOT maintains more than 750,000 acres of highway right-of-way. That amounts to a lot of grass to mow, brush and weeds to control, and land to maintain. Some of this roadside land is located in the medians of divided highways and the interiors of interchanges. GDOT has developed a responsive roadside management program that benefits many. Some of the major benefits of this program include fewer accidents by GDOT mowers on dangerous slopes; reduced mowing saves money for tax payers and GDOT; pleasing roadside appearance; less erosion of roadsides; and restricts growth of unwanted vegetation. GDOT spends approximately \$44 million annually on mowing and litter pickup. It is done for safety, vegetation control, improved drainage, and aesthetic reasons.

**WHEN:** Monday, May 18 through Thursday, May 21, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

**WHERE** Carroll County: SR 166 and SR 100  
Dade County: SR 58  
Gordon County: SR 156 and SR 136 Connector  
Pickens County: SR 53, SR 53 Business and SR 515  
Polk County: SR 100 and SR 6

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